



# **2021 IHCP Works Seminar**

## **Prior Authorizations 101**

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# Agenda

- Updates
- Eligibility
- Prior Authorizations Process
- Provider Portal Information
- Timelines
- Prior Authorization Appeals
- Provider Relations
- Tips and Resources
- Questions

# ***MDwise Updates***

# Updates

## Bulletins and Banners

- **IHCP Bulletins and Banners**

### Recent IHCP Bulletins

- **BT202174** – IHCP temporarily reinstates revisions to PA process for acute care hospital non-elective inpatient admissions.
- **BT202178** – IHCP temporarily revises time frames for certain PA approvals.
- **BT202180** – PA changes temporarily reinstated for some DME/HME supplies and services.
- **BT202181** – IHCP reinstates temporary PA changes for managed care SNF admissions.
- **BT202182** – IHCP reinstates PA policy for LTAC and AIR facility admissions.

## Bulletins and Banners

- **IHCP Bulletins and Banners**

- In order to keep up on the most current IHCP Bulletins and Banners, you may sign up to receive these by email on the IHCP site at the above link.

### Get Important News & Updates

Sign up for email and/or text notices of Medicaid and other FSSA news, reminders, and other important information. When registering your email, check the category on the drop-down list to receive notices of Medicaid updates; check other areas of interest on the drop-down list to receive notices for other types of FSSA updates.

# ***MDwise Member Eligibility***

# Eligibility

## When determining eligibility, verify:

- Is the member eligible for services today?
- In which Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) plan are they enrolled?
- If the member is in Hoosier Healthwise (HHW) or Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), are they assigned to MDwise?
- Who is the member's Primary Medical Provider (PMP)?

IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal	myMDwise Provider Portal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IHCP Program</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MDwise</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Managed Care Entity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assigned PMP History</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assigned PMP</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MDwise</li></ul>	

# ***MDwise Prior Authorization Processes***



# Prior Authorization Process

- One standard authorization list
- One point of contact for all authorization requests
- Submission timelines and process have not changed
- Go to [MDwise.org](https://MDwise.org) for the most up-to-date version of Prior Authorization lists



**All out of network services require Prior Authorization  
with the exception of Self Referral Services**

# Prior Authorization Process

## Maternity Code Exemption List

For any code listed under **Coding** in the table below, a prior authorization is not needed. For any code not listed, a prior authorization is required.

Type of Service	PA Required	Coding
Maternity Stays	Required (except for exempt codes – see list under Coding)	<p><b>Maternity Codes Exempt from Requiring an Authorization:</b></p> <p>59000, 59001, 59012, 59015, 59020, 59025, 59030, 59050, 59051, 59070, 59072, 59074, 59076, 59120, 59121, 59130, 59135, 59136, 59140, 59150, 59151, 59160, 59200, 59300, 59320, 59325, 59350, 59409, 59410, 59412, 59414, 59430, 59514, 59515, 59525, 59612, 59614, 59620, 59622, 59866, 59870, 59871, 59897, 59898, 59899, 76801, 76802, 76805, 76810, 76811, 76812, 76815, 76816, 76817, 76818, 76819, 76820, 76821, 76825, 76826, 76827, 76828, 80055, 59443, A4281, A4282, A4283, A4284, A4285, A4286, E0602, E0603, S4005, 01960, 01961, 01967, 01968, 01969, 99221, 99222, 99223, 99224, 99225, 99226, 99227, 99228, 99229, 99230, 99231, 99232, 99233, 99238, 99239, 99251, 99252, 99253, 99254, 99255</p> <p><b>Maternity DRG Codes Exempt from Requiring an Authorization</b></p> <p>540.1, 540.2, 540.3, 540.4, 541.1, 541.2, 541.3, 541.4, 542.1, 542.2, 542.3, 542.4, 560.1, 560.2, 560.3, 560.4, (2018) 765, 766, 767, 768, 774, 775, (2019) 786, 787, 788, 805, 806, 807</p> <p><b>ICD-10 Codes Exempt from Requiring an Authorization for a Maternity Stay</b></p> <p>O80, O82, Z37, Z37.0 to Z37.5, Z37.50 to Z37.59, Z37.6, Z37.60 to Z37.69, Z37.7, Z37.9, Z39, Z39.0 to Z39.2</p>

# Prior Authorization Process

## Medical PA and Exclusion Lists for HHW and HIP

- MDwise offers a printable guide that lists all of the current Medical Services and Medical Drugs that require prior authorization.
- The guide also contains an exclusion list for HHW and HIP codes that will require prior authorization.
  - Medical Services PA List for Hoosier Healthwise and HIP
  - Medical Drug PA List for Hoosier Healthwise and HIP
  - Medical Code Exclusion List for Hoosier Healthwise and HIP

# Prior Authorization Process

## Prior Authorization (PA)

- Review of benefit coverage and medical information to determine if the requested service meets the criteria for authorization

## Authorization Requests

- Specific forms are available from medical management to submit for service authorization\*

## Referral (Right Choices Program Only)

- Process in which a member's PMP determines that the member's conditions require additional services provided by a physician other than a PMP

**\*Please Note:** Incomplete forms will delay the authorization process and a fax back will be sent to the fax number on the Prior Authorization form

# Prior Authorization Process

## Urgent Prior Authorization Requests

- Requests are considered urgent **ONLY** when a delay in care could jeopardize the life/health of the member, jeopardize the member's ability to regain maximum function, or may subject the member to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the requested service.

## Second Opinions

- MDwise follows Federal and State regulations related to second opinions, access for members with special needs, and access to obstetric and gynecologic services.

# Prior Authorization Process

## Service Types Requiring Prior Authorization

- There are specific Service types that need Prior Authorization for HHW and HIP.

### All Out of Network Services

Type of Service	Requires PA	Coding
All Out of network services	Yes	With the exception of ER, Ambulance, Urgent Care Center services, Immunizations, Family planning services, chiropractic services, podiatry, and ologists, except if service is otherwise listed on PA list.

### Inpatient Admissions

Type of Service	Requires PA	Coding
Elective/emergent/urgent medical, surgical inpatient admissions, and skilled nursing facility services	Yes	POS 21, 51, 61, and 31; excluding maternity stays

# Prior Authorization Process

## Service Types Requiring Prior Authorization

- **To elaborate on the Out-of-Network Services, please note the Self-Referral Services that are listed here for HHW and HIP:**
  - Eye care
  - Foot care
  - Mental health and substance abuse services
  - Chiropractor services
  - Emergency services
  - Urgent care services
  - HIV case management
  - Family planning
  - Immunizations
  - Diabetes self-management training
  - Services from a psychiatrist

# Prior Authorization Process

## Service Types Requiring Prior Authorization

### Home Health Services

Type of Service	Requires PA	Coding
Home health services	Yes.	POS 12 or bill type 330 with the following codes, G0151, G0152, G0153, G0155, 99600, 99600 TE, 99600 TD, 99601, 99602, 92610, S9349, S9127, 92521, 92522, 92523, 92524 - Initial evaluation codes for PT, OT, ST in home and all subsequent therapy visits in home requires PA.
Hospice (inpatient and outpatient)	Yes	All POS 34, For POS 12, the following should pend: 651, 652, 655 and 656



# Prior Authorization Process

## Service Types Requiring Prior Authorization

### Therapy (Physical, Occupational, Speech)

Type of Service	Requires PA	Coding
Outpatient ST/OT/PT	The initial evaluation does not require prior auth. No PA required for ST for the first 12 visits or hours within a calendar year.	PT - Revenue codes - 420, 421, 422, 423, 429, and 97018, 97022, 97024, 97028, 97032, 97033, 97034, 97035, 97036, 97037, 97038, 97039, 97110, 97111, 97112, 97113, 97116, 97117, 97124, 97127, 97139, 97140, 97150, 97151, 97152, 97153, 97154, 97155, 97156, 97157, 97158, 97159, 97160, 97164, 97168, 97169, 97170, 97171, 97172, 97530, 97531, 97532, 97533, 97535, 97537, 97542, 97546, 97750, 97755, 97760, 97761 OT - Revenue codes 430, 431, 432, 433, 439 ST - Revenue codes 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 449, 92507, 92508, 92520, 92521, 92522, 92523, 92524, 92526

# Prior Authorization Process

## Service Types Requiring Prior Authorization

### Durable Medical Equipment

Type of Service	Requires PA	Coding
Durable Medical Equipment Rental	Yes, billed per item, >\$500/month	E0193, E0194, E0277, E0302, E0304, E0373, E0450, E0460, E0461, E0463, E0464, E0465, E0466, E0471, E0472, E0483, E0636, E0764, E0783, E0786, E1006, E1007, E1008, E1035, E2402, E2510, K0606, K0826, K0828, K0829, K0839, K0840, K0850, K0851, K0852, K0853, K0854, K0855, K0857, K0858, K0859, K0860, K0862, K0863, K0864, K0686, K0870, K0871, K0877, K0878, K0879, K0880, K0884, K0885, K0886 Please also refer to other categories for other items that may be considered DME that require prior authorization.
Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics and Orthotics Purchase	Yes, billed per item, >\$1500	E0193, E0302, E0304, E0460, E0471, E0472, E0483, E0652, E0764, E0783, E0786, E1006, E1007, E1008, E1035, E2510, K0606, K0826, K0828, K0829, K0839, K0840, K0850, K0852, K0853, K0854, K0855, K0858, K0859, K0860, K0862, K0863, K0864, K0868, K0870, K0871, K0877, K0878, K0879, K0880, K0884, K0885, K0886, L5856, L5857, L5858, L5961, L5973, L5987, L6025, L6930, L6935, L6940, L6945, L6950, L6955, L6960, L6965, L6970, L6975, L7180, L7181, L7185, L7186, L7190, L7191, L7274, L8609, Q0480, Q0481, Q0483, Q0489

# Prior Authorization Process

## Service Types Requiring Prior Authorization

### Transportation

Type of Service	Requires PA	Coding
Air Ambulance	Yes	A0430, A0431, A0435, A0436

**For the full listing of these Service Types, visit the [Prior Authorization Page](#) on the MDwise Provider Portal.**

**[MDwise Medical PA and Exclusion List - HHW/HIP](#)**

# Prior Authorization Process

**You will need two key items when filing a request for Medical Prior Authorization:**

**1. Universal Prior Authorization Form**

- [Available on the Prior Authorization Page on MDwise.org](#)

**2. Documentation to support Medical Necessity for the services you are requesting**

- Examples of documentation for Medical Necessity include Labs, Imaging, Medical Records/Physician Notes, Test Results, Therapy Notes, etc.

# Prior Authorization Process

## Universal Prior Authorization Form:

- Completely fill out the PA form including the rendering provider's NPI and TIN, the requestor's name along with phone and fax number.

### The following information remains required on the Universal PA form:

- |                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Rendering provider number (NPI) | • Stop date of request             |
| • Rendering provider tax ID (TIN) | • Procedure, service, revenue code |
| • Rendering provider address      | • ICD-10 diagnosis                 |
| • Member ID (also known as RID)   | • Preparer name                    |
| • Member Name                     | • Preparer phone and fax number    |
| • Member date of birth            | • Number of units                  |
| • Start date of request           | • Signature                        |

**Please Note:** An incomplete PA form may delay the PA timeframe for decision.

# Prior Authorization Process

## Prior Auth Request Form

Indiana Health Coverage Programs Prior Authorization Request Form			
Check the radio button of the entity that must authorize the service (For managed care, check the member's plan, unless the service is carved out [delivered as fee-for-service].)	Fee-for-Service	<input type="radio"/> Gainwell Technologies	P: 1-800-457-4584, option 7 F: 1-800-689-2759
	Hoosier Healthwise	<input type="radio"/> Anthem Hoosier Healthwise	P: 1-866-408-6132 F: 1-866-406-2803
		<input type="radio"/> Anthem Hoosier Healthwise - SFHN	P: 1-800-291-4140 F: 1-800-747-3693
		<input type="radio"/> CareSource Hoosier Healthwise	P: 1-844-607-2831 F: 1-844-432-8924
		<input type="radio"/> MDwise Hoosier Healthwise	P: 1-888-961-3100 F: 1-888-465-5581
Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP)	<input type="radio"/> MHS Hoosier Healthwise	P: 1-877-647-4848 F: 1-866-912-4245	
	<input type="radio"/> Anthem HIP	P: 1-844-533-1995 F: 1-866-406-2803	
	<input type="radio"/> CareSource HIP	P: 1-844-607-2831 F: 1-844-432-8924	
	<input type="radio"/> MDwise HIP	P: 1-888-961-3100 F: 1-866-613-1642	
Hoosier Care Connect	<input type="radio"/> MHS HIP	P: 1-877-647-4848 F: 1-866-912-4245	
	<input type="radio"/> Anthem Hoosier Care Connect	P: 1-844-284-1798 F: 1-866-406-2803	
	<input type="radio"/> MHS Hoosier Care Connect	P: 1-877-647-4848 F: 1-866-912-4245	

Please complete all appropriate fields.

Patient Information					
IHCP Member ID (RID):					
Date of Birth:					
Patient Name:					
Address:					
City/State/ZIP Code:					
Patient/Guardian Phone:					
PMP Name:					
PMP NPI:					
PMP Phone:					
Ordering, Prescribing, or Referring (OPR) Provider Information					
OPR Physician NPI:					
Medical Diagnosis (Use of ICD Diagnostic Code Is Required)					
Dx1		Dx2		Dx3	

Please check the requested assignment category below:

- |                                      |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DME         | <input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient            | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchased   | <input type="checkbox"/> Observation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech Therapy   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rental      | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Visit         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice     | <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient           |   |

Dates of Service Start	Stop	Procedure/Service Codes	Modifiers	Service Description	Taxonomy	Place of Service (POS)	Units	Dollars

Notes:

PLEASE NOTE: Your request MUST include medical documentation to be reviewed for medical necessity.

Signature of Qualified Practitioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

See the [IHCP Quick Reference Guide](#) for information about where to mail this form.

# Prior Authorization Process

## Section #I of the PA Request Form

Patient Information					
IHCP Member ID (RID):					
Date of Birth:					
Patient Name:					
Address:					
City/State/ZIP Code:					
Patient/Guardian Phone:					
PMP Name:					
PMP NPI:					
PMP Phone:					
Ordering, Prescribing, or Referring (OPR) Provider Information					
OPR Physician NPI:					
Medical Diagnosis (Use of ICD Diagnostic Code Is Required)					
Dx1		Dx2		Dx3	
Please check the requested assignment category below:					
<input type="checkbox"/> DME	<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapy			
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased	<input type="checkbox"/> Observation	<input type="checkbox"/> Speech Therapy			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rented	<input type="checkbox"/> Office Visit	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation			
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospice	<input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient				

# Prior Authorization Process

## Section #2 of the PA Request Form

Requesting Provider Information	
Requesting Provider NPI/Provider ID:	
Taxonomy:	
Tax ID:	
Provider Name:	
Rendering Provider Information	
Rendering Provider NPI/Provider ID:	
Tax ID:	
Name:	
Address:	
City/State/ZIP Code:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Preparer's Information	
Name:	
Phone:	
Fax:	




# Prior Authorization Process

## Section #3 of the PA Request Form

Dates of Service		Procedure/ Service Codes	Modifiers		Service Description	Taxonomy	Place of Service (POS)	Units	Dollars
Start	Stop								

**Notes:**

PLEASE NOTE: Your request MUST include medical documentation to be reviewed for medical necessity.

Signature of Qualified Practitioner  Date:

See the [\*IHCP Quick Reference Guide\*](#) for information about where to mail this form.

# Prior Authorization Process

- MDwise offers multiple platforms to submit a PA request. You may submit via portal, email, phone, or fax.
- **The Preferred Method for requesting a PA request is through our PA portal, where you can also check status.**
  - **Portal:** <https://mdwisepp.zeomeg.com/cms/ProviderPortal/Controller/providerLogin>
  - **Email:** [PADept@mdwise.org](mailto:PADept@mdwise.org)
  - **Phone:** 1-888-961-3100
  - **Fax:** **HHW** 1-888-465-5581  
**HIP** *Inpatient:* 1-866-613-1631  
*All other authorizations:* 1-866-613-1642

# Prior Authorization Process

## Submission Option #1

- The preferred method of submission is by our Prior Authorization Portal.
- This is a new avenue and has just recently gone live.
  - You may access the portal through our MDwise Provider Page or by clicking the link below:

<https://mdwisepp.zeomeg.com/cms/ProviderPortal/Controller/providerLogin>

# Prior Authorization Process

## Submission Option #2

- The second option is by using our departmental email:  
[PADept@mdwise.org](mailto:PADept@mdwise.org)
- This option will give you a date/time stamp of your email being sent and received.

<https://mdwisepp.zeomeg.com/cms/ProviderPortal/Controller/providerLogin>

# Prior Authorization Process

## Submission Option #3

- The third submission option is by phone. This option is available by calling 1-888-961-3100. The operators at this number can assist with a step-by-step process.



**1-888-961-3100**

# Prior Authorization Process

## Submission Option #4

- The fourth option is to send your Prior Auth Request by Fax.
- Please note, there are different fax numbers for HHW and HIP as shown below:
  - **Hoosier Healthwise (HHW): 1-888-465-5581**
  - **Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP):**
    - **Inpatient: 1-866-613-1631**
    - **All other authorizations: 1-866-613-1642**



# Prior Authorization Process

## Outside of Business Hours

- Providers can submit Prior Authorization requests to our email, via fax, or to our provider portal.
- These methods can receive PA requests 24 hours/7 days per week.
- We also have direct/toll free telephone number:
  - 1-888-961-3100
  - All messages are returned within one (1) business day.
- The specific type of PA determines the designated Turn Around Time that a decision will be made regarding the PA Request.
  - The Turn Around Time clock starts on the date that ALL information is received by MDwise.

# Prior Authorization Process

## Emergency Services

- MDwise member's may seek emergency services at the nearest emergency room without authorization when they believe their condition to be emergent.
- All emergency inpatient admissions require authorization within 2 business days of the admission.
  - Please refer to the [\*\*MDwise PA Guide\*\*](#)



# Prior Authorization Process

## Hospital Admissions

- Prior Authorization is required for all inpatient admissions including all elective or planned inpatient admissions.
  - MDwise requires an authorization request within 48 hours of all emergency inpatient admissions.
- It is the responsibility of the hospital to obtain authorization for all inpatient hospital admissions
- Once the hospital obtains the authorization, the services rendered as part of the DRG stay do not require separate authorization
- Services rendered during the DRG stay should utilize the hospital's admission authorization
- Per the IHCP, providers should bill inpatient stays that are less than 24 hours as an outpatient service.

# Prior Authorization Process

## Behavioral Health Services that require PA:

- Neuropsychological testing
  - Psychological testing
  - Inpatient psychiatric admissions
  - Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)
  - Residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) 3.5 and 3.1
  - Partial Hospitalization Programming (PHP)
  - Intensive Outpatient Programming (IOP)
- 
- Outpatient therapy services are available without referral and do not require prior authorization when performed by an MDwise contracted and enrolled provider.
  - Behavioral Health Forms can be found by clicking the link below:  
<https://www.mdwise.org/for-providers/forms/behavioral-health>

# Prior Authorization

## Pharmacy Prior Authorizations


- For Pharmacy PAs or questions, contact the member's Pharmacy Benefit Manager:
  - **MedImpact:** 1-844-336-2677
- **Pharmacy Resources:**
  - <https://www.mdwise.org/for-providers/pharmacy-resources>



# ***MDwise Provider Portal Information***

# MDwise Provider Portal Information

MDwise Website: [www.MDwise.org](http://www.MDwise.org)



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## Prior Authorization Forms

**MDwise Medicaid Prior Authorization Process**  
In order to provide the most prompt response times to providers, **all prior authorization requests must be faxed to MDwise.**

For more information, see our [MDwise Prior Authorization Reference and Contact Guide](#).

**UPDATE on MDwise Medicaid Prior Authorizations**  
Prior authorization requests for Indiana Health Coverage Programs: [Hoosier Healthwise and Healthy Indiana Plan](#)

**Forms**

- [Portal Instructions - New!](#)
- [Universal PA Form for Hoosier Healthwise and HIP](#)
- [Prior Authorization Reference Guide for Hoosier Healthwise and Healthy Indiana Plan](#)
- [Behavioral Health Forms](#)

**Prior Authorization Lists**

- [2020 Maternity Code Exemption List - NEW!](#)
- [Medical Prior Authorization and Exclusion Lists for Hoosier Healthwise and HIP - NEW!](#)
- [2021 Searchable Behavioral Health Services that Require Prior Authorization for Hoosier Healthwise and HIP](#)

**[Prior Authorization Form Archives](#)**

For pharmacy prior authorization forms, please visit our [pharmacy forms](#) page.

# MDwise Provider Portal Information

- When clicking the link to the Portal Instructions, you will see a [step-by-step instructional bulletin](#) on how to manage through the new system. You will review:
  - Introduction to the Authorization Portal
  - Account Setup and Registration
  - Initiating a “New” Outpatient Prior Authorization
  - Initiating a “New” Inpatient Prior Authorization Request
  - Requesting Concurrent Review or an Extension for a Prior Authorization
  - Reviewing the Prior Authorization Dashboard
  - Appendix A: SPC-Code Sets

# ***MDwise Prior Authorization Timelines***

# Timelines

<b>Authorization Turn Around Time</b>	
<b>Urgent Concurrent Review</b>	MDwise will have a decision within 24 hours of receipt of <b>all necessary information</b>
<b>Urgent Preservice Review</b>	MDwise will have a decision within 72 hours of receipt of <b>all necessary information</b>
<b>Non-Urgent Preservice Review</b>	MDwise will have a decision within 7 calendar days of receipt of <b>all necessary information</b>
<b>Post Service Review</b>	MDwise will have a decision within 30 calendar days of receipt of <b>all necessary information</b>

## Please Note:

- All emergency inpatient admissions require authorization within **2 business days** of the admission.
- If you have not heard a response within the time frames above, contact the PA Inquiry Team at **1-888-961-3100** and they will investigate.



# ***MDwise Prior Authorization Appeals Process***

# Prior Authorization Appeals

- Appeals must be requested within **60 calendar days** of receiving denial.
- Providers can request an appeal in writing to MDwise:  
**Medical Management/Appeals**  
**P.O. Box 44236**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46244-0236**
- Providers may also request an appeal by email or fax:  
**Email:** [PADept@mdwise.org](mailto:PADept@mdwise.org)  
**Fax:**     **HHW**   1-888-465-5581  
             **HIP**     1-866-613-1642
- Member must give the provider authority to appeal on the member's behalf.
  - If there is any question of the member providing this authority, MDwise will outreach to the member to get their approval before proceeding.
- MDwise will resolve an appeal within **30 calendar days** and notify the provider and member in writing of the appeal decision including the next steps.

# Prior Authorization Appeals

- Any authorization request that does not meet the guidelines and/or criteria is referred to a medical reviewer.
- Only a physician can issue a decision to deny for medical necessity.
- If a denial is issued, the provider can request a Peer-to-Peer review with the MDwise physician by following the directions on the denial letter.
  - A member of the intake team will set up the Peer-to-Peer review in our system and contacting the requesting provider to arrange a date/time.

# ***MDwise Prior Authorization and Provider Relations***

# Provider Relations

## Prior Authorization and Provider Relations

- Prior Authorizations staff and Provider Relations Representatives continually work together to provide an easier and more seamless experience for Providers when obtaining their authorizations.
- PR Reps are divided by regions or territories and are happy to assist in the processes and instruction that the Provider offices need.

# Provider Relations

## Reminder:

- Providers are highly encouraged to contract with MDwise. What is required to be contracted provider?
  1. MDwise Provider Contract
  2. Provider/Ancillary Enrollment Forms
  3. W-9
- Providers not seeking a MDwise contract are required to submit the following for consideration of PAs and payment for services rendered:
  1. Non-contracted Provider Set-up Form
  2. W-9

# Provider Relations Map

- **Region 1**  
Paulette Means  
[pmeans@mdwise.org](mailto:pmeans@mdwise.org)  
317-822-7226
- **Region 2**  
Danielle Nesbit  
[dnesbit@mdwise.org](mailto:dnesbit@mdwise.org)  
317-793-0872
- **Region 3**  
LaKisha Browder  
[lbrowder@mdwise.org](mailto:lbrowder@mdwise.org)  
317-983-7819
- **Region 4**  
Robin King  
[rking@mdwise.org](mailto:rking@mdwise.org)  
317-619-5622
- **Region 5**  
Amanda Deaton (9/14/21)  
[adeaton@mdwise.org](mailto:adeaton@mdwise.org)  
317-793-0873
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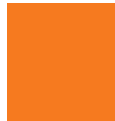
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# ***MDwise Tips and Resources***

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## Prior Authorization Reference Guide

- MDwise offers a printable [Prior Authorization Reference Guide](#) outlining our PA processes and timelines.
- This is a handy two-page guide for you to reference is kept current on the website and offers details such as:
  - Contact information
  - Timelines for specific requests
  - Authorization notifications
  - Prior Auth appeals process

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## Tips for Submitting PA Requests

- Submission through the authorization portal allows real-time submission and the ability to monitor status.
- For pre-service non-urgent requests, request a date span rather than a specific date.
- Submit complete clinical information at the time of the request.
- Be sure to note if PA is for a retroactively eligible member.
- Be sure to provide your fax number, secure voice mailbox number, and include a contact name/number for us to request additional clinical information, if needed.
- Urgent requests should be reserved for services that, if not performed, may jeopardize the health of the member and not because the request is not submitted timely.

**Please Note:** Repeated inquiries to check the status of a requested authorization, or to ask for an expedited authorization, can slow down the authorization review process.

# Tips and Resources

## **Prior Authorization Quick Contact Guide**

- <http://www.mdwise.org/for-providers/forms/prior-authorization/>

## **MDwise Provider Manuals**

- <http://www.mdwise.org/for-providers/manual-and-overview/>

## **MDwise Provider Relations Territory Map**

- <http://www.mdwise.org/for-providers/contact-information/>

## **IHCP Provider Modules**

- <https://www.in.gov/medicaid/providers/provider-references/provider-reference-materials/ihcp-provider-reference-modules/>

## **MDwise Customer Service**

- 1-800-356-1204

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# Questions

